(*d*) whether any amount has been expended for preliminary works ;

(*e*) if so, the amount expended ;

(*f*) when this estimate was prepared;

(*g*) whether the works connected therewith are being continued from that date till now ; and

(*h*) if not, the reason therefor ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 30,310 as per estimate sanctioned in 1910, Rs. 29,860 as per estimate prepared in 1920, but not sanctioned and Rs. 3,200 as per estimate sanctioned in 1931, for a small length of the canal.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Rs. 14,812 as per estimate sanctioned in 1910 and Rs. 3,099 as per estimate sanctioned in 1931.

(*f*) First estimate was prepared in 1910, second estimate in 1920 and the estimate for Rs. 3,200 in 1931.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) The original scheme was given up due to sheet rock being met with in the bed and the heavy expenditure involved in working out the scheme. The cutting open of the small canal of 1500 ft. from the western end was completed in 1107.

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: അവിടെ പാറ ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാതെയാണോ ആദ്യം എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് തയാറാക്കീട്ടുള്ളത്?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : This was done in 1910. I cannot now give any reason why they did not investigate whether there was any rock or not.

Construction of the Kuttapuzha thodu.

17. ***Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of the Kuttapuzha *thodu* in the Tiruvella taluk is still in progress;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred till now for its construction :

(*c*) whether any amount has been sanctioned in this year's Budget for that work ; and

(*d*) if so, what ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 65,399 to the end of Kanni 1113.

(*c*) and (*d*) the member is referred to item No. 269, Part I of P. W. D. Budget for 1113.

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